If I can get his sympathies strongly enlisted for the slave, he will give up that hum bug of his own accord. Or if I gave him my opinion of it it should be mild & candid arguments & facts, rather than virulent attacks. — The clergy too I would ~~leave~~ refer to a future tribunal, rather than too hastily "judge them before the time."

Affectionately, E. Goodman

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Have just opened your letter. If I can find a pulpit to occupy next Sabbath & evening to advantage I will comply perhaps with your ~~of~~ request. No notices will be given of course until you see me. In haste E. G.

view. Others were ready to ~~avail~~ avail themselves of an opportunity to show that they were not proslavery as they had been accused. Both these classes I constantly find among the readers of the Abolitionist, whose continued patronage will depend on their being pleased or provoked by what that paper contains. Now inasmuch as that paper has access to many who are not converted abolitionists, but who might become such by skilful treatment, I have been anxious, that it should contain as little as possible that is calculated to repel such characters & close the door of communication to their hearts & understandings. Such a course might be adopted, without abating one iota of the strictest of abolition principles. In the present stage of the A. S. Reformation, I think we might with great advantage lay aside, for the present, some of the weapons which have been used, ~~we~~ perhaps with effect. When the sympathies of men begin to lean ~~strongly to~~ towards our side, we may either settle them firmly with us, or drive them back to an enemy position, according to the different views we ~~tal~~ present to them. Different classes of anti-slavery truth — all truth indeed — will produce the opposite effects. For example when a man begins to think with me I would not drive him back by attacking his colonization prejudices.

after disclaiming & deprecating all hostility to Roman Catholics, to remark on some or all of the following points; — the Character of Popery, taking my outline from Scripture, as 1 Tim. IV. 1-3 — the extent of the Papal empire — its power — the cruelty with which it is liable to be exercised — the immutability of its essential character — its designs upon our country & its rapid increase — & our corresponding obligations &c

My usual form of Notice is, The Rev. ____ will deliver a discourse on Romanism at ____ & take a collection in aid of the American Reformation Society.

I have sometimes had it in mind to inflict a long letter upon you upon the subject of "abolition" operations. Many things which I have wished to say, neither time, space, nor recollection will now give me opportunity. The filing off of the "fragment" from Garrison's ranks, appeared to afford an opportunity to bring new recruits into the service by legions. No small amount of piety, benevolence, & sympathy for the slave, had been unhappily repelled & kept aloof from the A. S. ranks, thro. misconception, prejudice, placing themselves in a false position &c, many of whom Prudence, wisdom, & meekness, would probably enlist cordially in the ser-

Andover Sept. 18th, 1839
Rev. E. Goodman.

Dear Brother

My present calculations are to be with you next Sabbath evening. Have written to Mr. Lamson of Brighton, proposing to be with him, a part or all the day previous, & requesting him to answer me at South Reading, where I expect to be Friday evening. – Tomorrow evening – Thursday – at North Reading. In case of an unfavorable answer from Brighton I may make arrangements to preach somewhere this side of Boston. Shall endeavor to see you Saturday, if practicable. But should I fail you may depend on me Sabbath evening as proposed, Deo volente, if I hear nothing more from you. In the mean time I want to depend on you to publish Notices, in pulpits & the Recorder, to any extent you may find it convenient & deem it advisable to do it; cheerfully submitting it to yourself to impose any "limitations" upon your "responsibility" & agency in this service, which delicacy & paramount duties may demand.

My ordinary method of lecturing, is ~~to~~